



Memorandum

To: Provost and Chief Academic Officers

From: Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Articulation and Transfer

Date: May 4, 2021

Subject: Announcement of New Anatomy and Physiology I & II (Full-Year Sequence) with Lab

We are pleased to announce a new Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) full-year course sequence in Anatomy and Physiology I & II titled OSC029- Full-Year Sequence of Anatomy and Physiology I & II with Lab.

Background:

In early 2020 the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN) held discussions with the Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathway (OGTP) faculty panels in the areas within Health Sciences to explore transfer pathways. During discussion, the OGTP Health Sciences panels recommended the creation of a TAG in the area of Anatomy and Physiology in order to better facilitate transfer for these commonly required courses. The Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN) sent an invitation for statewide nominations to assist with this work. An Anatomy and Physiology TAG writing panel was formulated with content matter experts to meet and discuss TAG creation. Initial meetings led to the dissemination of statewide research that identified department courses, pre-requisites, lab components, and institutional course credit hours.

After some discussion, the writing panel recommended core competencies for the TAG area of Anatomy and Physiology I & II (Full-Year Sequence) with Lab. The proposed course sequence will require a laboratory component and range from 8-10 credit hours.

In January 2021, a survey was distributed statewide to gain endorsement for the proposed new TAG course sequence. The Anatomy and Physiology TAG writing panel reviewed endorsement survey feedback and in order to address concerns expressed by some institutions, the following updates were taken into consideration:

- Updated lab requirements to now reflect a range of 2-3 lab hours per week. This range will assist with institutional program autonomy.

- Clarifying statement on lab hours indicating that lab hours can include pre-lab and in-lab work to meet the 2-3-hour lab requirements per week. A minimum of 1.7 hours must be in-lab.
- To address laboratory delivery and modality questions, a statement has been included stating that all laboratory modalities will be considered however, reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Pre-requisite recommendations will remain intact to allow for institutional flexibility and autonomy. The pre-requisite is a minimum statewide requirement.
- A clarification has been made that states Core Competencies marked with an asterisk (*) are required. The Anatomy and Physiology I & II full-year sequence with lab outlines a total of 20 Core Competencies with 18 deemed as essential. Those marked as essential must be met, however, institutions will have flexibility in covering the remaining 2 core competencies based on their institutional programs.
- Similarly, clarification language has been added that outlines that a minimum of 70% of each required Core Competencies' sub-categories must be met (i.e. sub-categories a-g). Please note, not all Core Competencies' sub-categories are required to allow flexibility based on institutional programs.
- As a reminder, TAG and Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) courses are reviewed by separate faculty review panels based on identified learning outcomes. Institutions are permitted to submit their Anatomy and Physiology courses to be reviewed for OTM approval, however, please keep in mind the OTM Natural Sciences area has specific learning outcomes and laboratory requirements to consider upon course review.

The results of the survey indicated that there is strong support for the creation of a course in the area of Anatomy and Physiology I & II (Full-Year Sequence) with Lab. This announcement will assist your institution with course development or refining your course to better align with transfer guarantees.

The Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network Oversight Board recommends that institutions seek course approval by the newly formed statewide faculty review panel within two years. The first submission opportunity will begin immediately and continue through fall 2023. Institutions are advised to submit their courses to the endorsed criteria as soon as the aligned courses become available. To view and download the full information for the newly created Anatomy and Physiology I & II (Full-Year Sequence) with Lab TAG courses, including the TAG submission form, please use this link:

<https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/tag/coursedescriptions>

We would like to thank the faculty members on the Anatomy and Physiology I & II (Full-Year Sequence) with Lab TAG writing panel including: Megan Andrikanich (Lorain County Community College), Kimberly Inman (Shawnee State University), Emily Boyer (Hocking College), Ruby White (Owens Community College), Marita Abram (Sinclair Community College), Jennifer M. Burgoon (The Ohio State University), Rhea Busick (Rhodes State College), Prabhat Sharma (Cuyahoga Community College), and Martin Schmerr (Central Ohio Technical College).

Thank you for sharing this memo and attachments with appropriate faculty and administrators at your institution.

If you or your TAG coordinator have any questions, please contact Jessi Spencer, Director of Articulation and Transfer Policy, Budget, and Constituent Relations at jspencer@highered.ohio.gov, (614) 728-4706; or Michelle Blaney, Assistant Director, Articulation and Transfer Policy at mblaney@highered.ohio.gov, (614) 644-9601.

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